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Dial-a-ride bus service set to start

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A NEW bus service is being piloted to link Ely with the Ouse Washes and the surrounding area.

The 'East Cambs Connect' bookable dial-a-bus service has been developed to encourage residents and visitors alike to explore the historic wetland area.

It is hoped it will provide the vital 'missing link' between railway services and tourist attractions like the WWT Welney Wetland Centre, Prickwillow Museum and the National Trust's Wicken Fen reserve. It is also hoped that the service will bring more visitors to the Denver sluice complex, south of Downham Market.

As part of a £2 million Heritage Lottery grant Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP) undertook a feasibility study to look into ways to improve public transport in the region.

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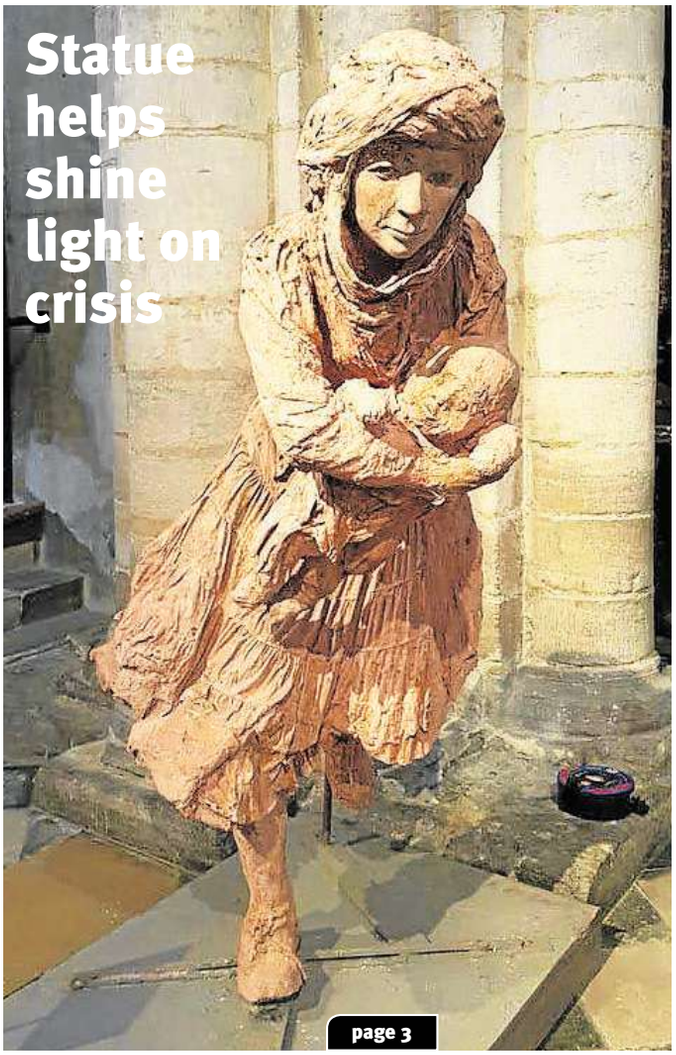
Programme manager for OWLP Mick Nokkert said: "This is a very timely study that has identified a potentially sustainable solution that would not only increase access to the Ouse Washes landscape and its unique heritage and biodiversity offer for visitors, but will also increase access to key visitor attractions for everyone living and working in rural fenland areas in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk."

The mini-bus will be operated by Cambridgeshire County Council and will run from April, Monday to Fridays, booked by telephone one day in advance, with an option to extend it to weekends.

A county council spokesman said: "The East Cambs Connect is a pilot service as part of the second phase of the county council's total transport project. The initiative is looking at ways to better utilise existing transport provision, such as to day centres and dial-a-ride services, to help people to access transport who might otherwise not be able to."

Ely mayor Ian Lindsay, said: "It's part and parcel of offering tourists more than an hour in Ely looking at the cathedral, to point out all these other interesting things."



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CASH INJECTION: Harry Specters in Ely has been praised for employing young adults with autism.

It's sweet news for chocolatiers

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AN ELY chocolate company has received a chunk of cash from a £2 billion Government fund.

Harry Specters chocolatiers, a social enterprise employing young adults with autism, has benefitted from an £80,000 financial boost from the Dormant Assets Commission.

The company's co-founder, Shaz Shah, told the *News* about how he and his wife Mona came to set up the scheme.

He said: "We have a son with autism and when he was 12 we started to get worried about what he would do when he grew up. We started looking at some of the statistics and found 85 per cent of teenage adults with autism in the UK are unemployed and are desperate to work, so that got us a bit more worried.

"We wanted to open up something with people with autism but we were not sure exactly what we would need.

"We went on a family holiday to Scotland and my wife Mona was in love with chocolate. We went to a highland chocolatier called the Inverness. It was a very beautiful shop, the chocolate was artisan and Mona said 'I wish I could do that'.

"She went on a course after the holiday and she had an epiphany that chocolate making is structured and routine work, so something suitable for people with autism."

The company, which first started out in the couple's kitchen, now operates a full-scale production line supplying bespoke chocolate gifts to corporate groups such as Lloyd's Bank.

Mona ssaid that the Government support played an important role in scaling the business' social impact.

She said: "We welcome the possibility that more funds could be unlocked to help make a difference to the work we do in creating employment for young adults with autism."

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport says the money has the potential to transform the charity sector, helping to improve communities and change lives.

Some £3 billion was identified by the independent Dormant Assets Commission, which found untapped assets in, among others, unclaimed insurance policies and pensions. It includes £715 million from investments and wealth management and £550 million from the pensions sector.

Civil Society Minister Rob Wilson said: "This money could help change millions of lives rather than gathering dust in dormant accounts."

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Cathedral shines light on refugees

ELY Cathedral played host to a life-size art and light show to highlight the refugee crisis.

On Saturday the Ely Refugee Resettlement Campaign (RRC) used the 12th-century 'Ship of the Fens' as a canvas to stage a spectacular light show to raise awareness and funds for its work helping Syrian refugee families.

From 6-10pm, the exterior wall was illuminated with colours and images on the theme of 'home' and 'refuge' designed by children from the city as part of a competition.

A spokeswoman for Ely RRC said: "As a result of our efforts, a Syrian family has recently moved to the area and is being supported by professionals, organised by Cambridge City Council, to settle in and rebuild their lives in East Cambridgeshire.

"We need to raise funds to continue to help this family, and, we hope, other families in their journeys to hope."

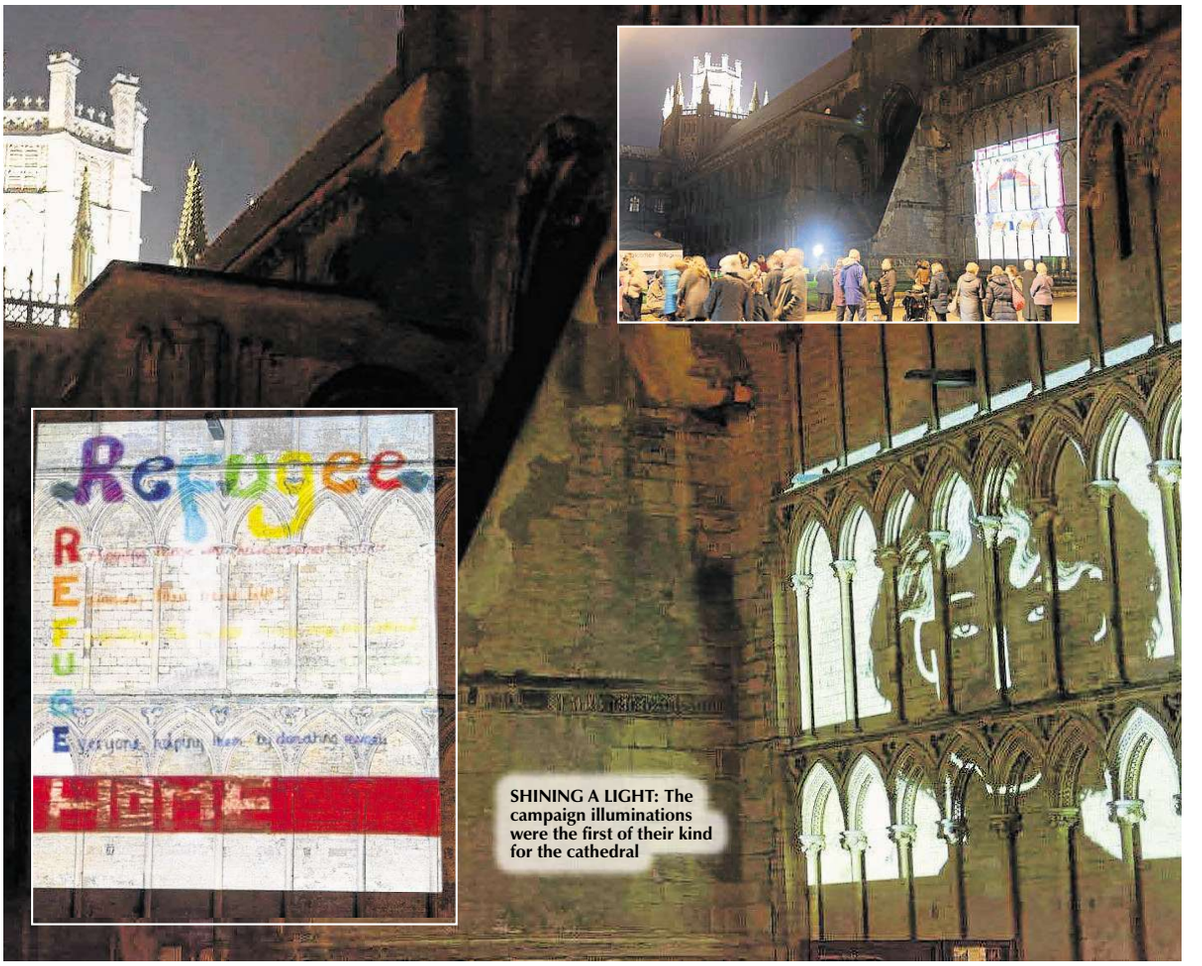
The event also featured a concert, *Journey to Hope*, at St Mary's Church. Instead of traditional tickets, visitors were encouraged to make donations to Ely RRC.

To draw attention to the refugee crisis the cathedral is also homing a life-sized 'Madonna and child' sculpture by the artist Jill Sim until April 2.

Entitled *Madonna and Child… Flight* it stands over 8ft high and has been sculpted with mixed material.

Jill said: "I saw a young woman running while holding a child in the Tizi n'Tichka mountains in Morocco and I did a drawing inspired by them as a sort of universal Madonna and Child. The young woman was running from something or to somewhere over treacherous and fragile rocks.

"I thought of Mary and the flight into Egypt and a few years later I decided to make a sculpture. The relevance of her situation has sadly become more poignant. We see daily so much misery and unhappiness with the growing refugee crisis."



SHINING A LIGHT: The campaign illuminations were the first of their kind for the cathedral

COURT

Friend paralysed in 60mph smash

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A YOUNG driver who caused a devastating crash while showing off how fast he could go on a narrow country lane has been jailed.

Tom Johnson, of Lophams Close, Haverhill, drove at "no less than 61mph" on Great Drove at Upware, near Ely, Cambridge Crown Court was told.

The crash left his passenger paralysed from the chest down.

Johnson, 21, also filmed the incident intending to show off to friends later, but the footage was not shown to the court.

Johnson was sentenced to 18 months in jail last Friday after previously pleading guilty to causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

He was also disqualified from driving for three years, and ordered to take an extended retest.

Tim Brown, prosecuting, said the crash happened on April 23 last year on the road, which has a speed limit of 60mph.

Despite this, others who used the road said they would drive at 20mph, and police heading to the scene of the crash had to brake because the road was so bumpy.

The incident ended in Johnson losing control of his Toyota Yaris and careering into a tree.

His friend was left with a broken neck and a severe spinal injury, meaning he is now paralysed from the chest down.

The victim, who has four children, also needed 72 stitches in his head.

Firefighters took more than an hour to cut him free from the car.

Peter Lownds, mitigating, said: "There is obvious remorse here and the defendant has lost a close friendship. Understandably, the victim wants nothing to do with him.

"This was one particular day of serious misjudgment.

"There were no drink or drugs involved."

Sentencing Johnson, Recorder Timothy Green said: "I accept that since the crash you constantly wish the roles were reversed for you and your friend.

"You did all this to show off how fast you could drive. You knew it was a risk, you went down that lane because you knew how bumpy it was.

"There are road signs warning drivers not to go too fast.

"Your friend has been left paralysed probably for the rest of his life.

"I accept you feel huge remorse which will stay with you for the rest of your life.

"The offence guidelines do not deal with the harm done in this case; it's hard to imagine many cases where the harm could be much greater."

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Inquest opens into fatal crash

AN inquest has opened into the deaths of a teenager and pensioner following a collision on the A142 at Mepal.

The collision, involving a Ford Fiesta van and a Vauxhall Meriva, happened at about 5.05pm on February 27 at Iretons Way.

Last week the coroner adjourned the inquest into the deaths of Wendy Wheatley, 74, of Valentine Close, Manea, and John Smith, 19, until October 19.

They both died of traumatic injuries sustained in the incident.

Mr Smith, of Beck Row, the driver of the Fiesta, died at the scene.

The coroner said: "Wendy Wheatley was a backseat passenger in a Vauxhall Meriva travelling south east along the A142 when the Fiesta, travelling in the opposite direction, was seen to swerve toward the nearside verge then veer sharply into the path of the vehicle in which she was travelling."

He said she was taken to Addenbrooke's where she went into cardiac arrest after initially being alert and talking. She died at 7pm.

"Mr Smith was declared dead at the scene at 6pm," he said. "A post-mortem was carried out and the medical cause of death was recorded as severe chest trauma due to a road traffic collision."

Mr Smith's passenger was a teenage girl who suffered serious injuries. She was taken to Addenbrooke's.

The driver of the Vauxhall, a man in his 70s, suffered serious injuries and was also taken to Addenbrooke's, the inquest was told.

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FAMILIAR FACE: Garfield popped in to Little Downham Village Hall.

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COMMUNICATION

Call for better wi-fi to tackle rural crimes

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A RISE in rural crime could be tackled by improving wi-fi connectivity in isolated villages, according to a Cambridgeshire councillor.

Cllr Mathew Shuter said police were finding it difficult to station officers in more rural locations because they needed wi-fi to function properly and to remain in communication, meaning it was harder to tackle crimes like hare coursing which are on the rise.

Cllr Shuter, who represents Woodditton on Cambridgeshire County Council, also said the poor connectivity in parts of the county was bad for social workers and doctors, who were increasingly reliant on technology to stay in touch.

Speaking at the county council's environment and economy committee, Cllr Shuter said: "I have been talking to officers who have been pushing for more rural policing. There has been a spike in rural crime and hare coursing, and you often see police in Soham or Ely, but not out in the villages.

"One of the problems is they don't have wi-fi in the villages to the south. The police now park up and use laptops, and they can only do it in wi-fi hotspots. My plea is that we roll out wi-fi in these areas and give the police automatic access.

"Doctors and social services are also starting to work like this. If they can't access information, people will suffer.

"If we can find a location in every village, maybe a pub or even a private building, so people can access wi-fi as quickly as possible, it will help police have a presence there."

Cllr Shuter's appeal came as the committee discussed the possibility of improving connectivity in Cambridgeshire, hearing that the county has historically had worse connectivity, both with wi-fi and mobile coverage, than nearby areas.

Councillors supported improving wi-fi and mobile connections, which would help businesses and residents as well as police, social workers and doctors.

Cllr David Jenkins said: "The lack of mobile connectivity is a serious drag on economic development."

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Cat'll do nicely

FELINE FINE: Teresa Ford and her cat, Rio, at the Ely Pet Cat Show
Pictures: Warren Gunn

THE annual Ely Pet Cat Show has been dubbed the "most successful ever" after all the cats up for rehoming found new owners.

Organisers of the event were able to find new homes for 15 cats in their care on Saturday.

Two kittens were also crowned the best in their class at the show held at the Little Downham Village Hall.

The Ely and District branch of Cats Protection, a cat rehoming and welfare charity, has been running the event for 23 years.

This year's best in show champions were six-month-old Charlie in the non-pedigree category, while long-haired Ink Spot was crowned best pedigree cat.

Garfield, Ely's most famous cat who regularly visits the Sainsbury's supermarket, was the show's star guest.

Branch co-ordinator and show manager Linda Hutchinson said the event had been "absolutely brilliant".

She estimated that £1,000 could have been raised by the tombola, bric-a-brac and other stalls set up for around 200 visitors.

Linda said: "This was the most successful year ever in terms of cats rehomed.

"We homed every cat that we had in our homing room.

"Jemima and Simone, they've both been with us for six months and they both got a new home.

"The people who are regular show competitors just said how nice it is to come to a friendly show."

Owners entered their prized cats into male and female categories in the pedigree and non-pedigree – or moggy – classifications.

The winner of each category was then put forward for a chance to be crowned best in show.

Judges Sue Williams, Irene Roos and Barbara James ruled that little Charlie and Ink Spot were the pick of the bunch.

Set up in 1996, the Ely branch of Cats Protection supports abandoned, ill and abused cats in the area. It helps rehome around 300 cats a year.

TOP CATS: Maisie Prigg, 7, with George. Right, steward Abby Murdoch with a Sphynx cat. Far right, Garfield with his adopted owners, Dave Willers and Tina Battaglia

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We can cash in on fracking

EVERYWHERE the talk is of belt-tightening and taxes, national and local, going up, not to mention the frightening level of our national debt.

There is one apparent source of huge new revenues, which carries the added bonus of making the UK self-sufficient in energy. I speak of fracking.

The most promising sites in Britain have already been located (while in the USA, whose country has been transformed by its newly-won self-sufficiency in energy, all the pitfalls associated with fracking have already been tackled).

What our government now needs to do is give the go-ahead for the drilling operations.

Incidentally, has there ever been a better time for a British Prime Minister to request the advice and assistance of a US President?

Richard Roberts
Silt Road
Littleport

How much did ceremony cost?

I WAS amazed to read that a "sod cutting" ceremony has been held on the site of the new Ely by-pass.

Could anyone tell me what good such a ceremony will have done, to say nothing of how much it cost the council tax payers.

Surely most readers would be happy to know the by-pass is under way and frown at the prospect of tea and buns for the so called VIPs?

Graham Jones
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Ely

Lords creating every objection

I FAIL to understand why those pompous jobbernowls in the House of Lords can rule against the will of the people by creating every possible objection to triggering Article 50.

One demand they made was a guarantee that all Europeans in Britain should automatically have the right to stay in the UK after Brexit but they refuse to make reciprocal arrangements for British ex-pats in Europe.

That is totally unconstitutional , which is exactly the same argument that they would probably use if the government invoked the Parliament Act to over-rule the House of Lords.

They seem to forget that it is quite possible that the upper chamber could be disbanded at any time, thus ousting them from their ivory towers to enter the real world and start to earn an honest living.

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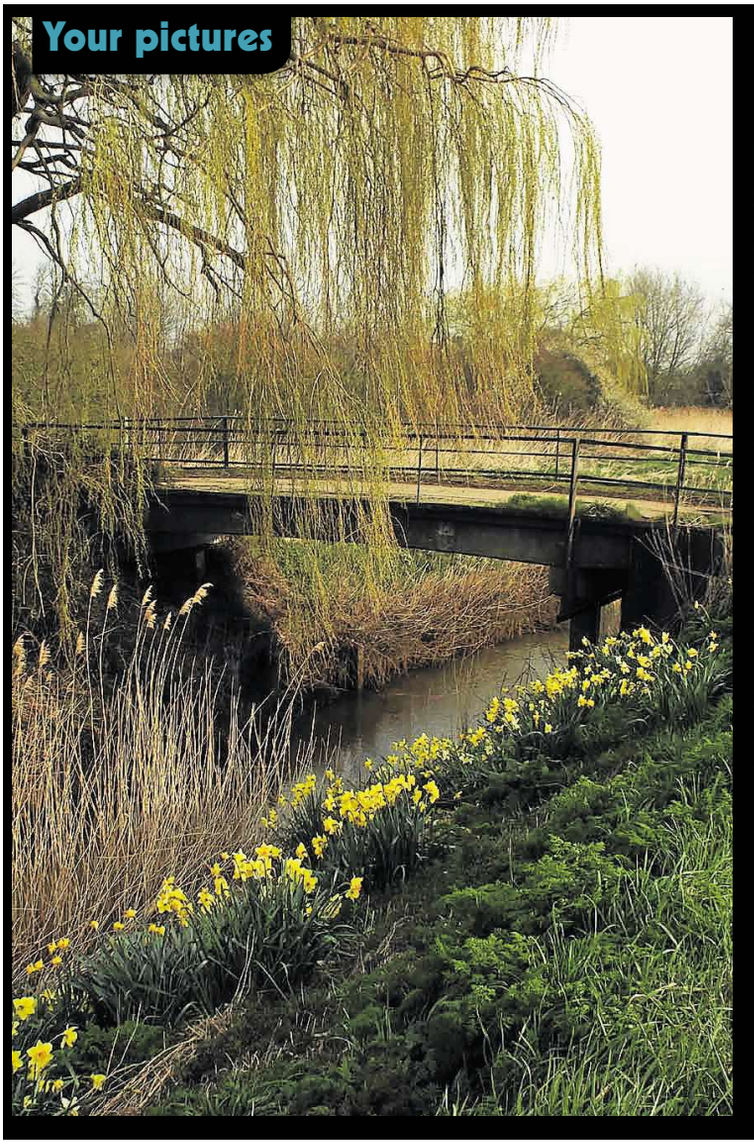

DAFFODIL BRIDGE: This photograph was taken along Engine Bank, Mepal, by Helen Calver, of Witcham

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More could be done locally

It's official. We are destroying our planet. According to Professor Brian Cox, the billionaires of this world are planning for the future – building rockets to transport them to Mars.

Apparently populating Mars is possible – not by the likes of 'you and me' I would suspect. How much more usefully could that money be spent mending this planet I wonder but I'm sure I'm being somewhat naïve.

Litter – I've changed my mind – picking it up is not enjoyable – it's frustrating, disgusting and hard work. My choice, so I'm going with it. No sympathy expected or wanted. It's heartening to hear that there are many people out there clearing their own spaces and some, such as Phoebe, attempting to clear much more.

In my role as a PE teacher, a couple of times a year I suspended lessons and the PE department and pupils went out and cleared our site of litter. Strangely enough, the children seemed to enjoy the experience even those who had not dropped litter and interestingly we never had any complaints from our enlightened parents.

Educationally it was sound. I think 'we' all realised that every one of us had a part to play in improving our environment.

Factories and businesses especially on the big industrial estates could co-ordinate and create a moment when all staff (equipment provided) could clear their area. It would take minutes. Finish the experience off with tea and cake.

Maybe for the more dangerous areas, county-wide litter days (on Sundays perhaps) could be organised. Moveable posts setting suggesting speed limits of 30 as litter is being cleared etc) local radio and newspapers could advertise extensively. In some form or other more could be done.

Taking control is empowering – thinking globally acting locally. It's pretty much all that most of us can do.

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Horse deaths 'a dirty secret'

TEN years ago, this month, Animal Aid launched a new initiative, entitled Race Horse Deathwatch. The aim of the project was to monitor and publish detailed information on as many on-course race horse deaths as we could find out about, because the racing industry did not do so.

Ten years on, little has changed. Racing's regulator, the British Horseracing Authority, merely publishes the number of horses killed while racing, and not the names of the horses or how they died.

Animal Aid, however, does. The names of 1,500 horses, killed as a result of racing in the last decade, appear on the Race Horse Deathwatch website, but the true figure is likely to be much greater. The majority of those horses were killed after breaking their leg, or neck, whilst racing, or because they collapsed and died.

This shocking number of fatalities is racing's dirty secret. We continue our work to expose it – on behalf of all those horses who had nobody to speak out for them except us.

Visit *horsedeathwatch.com*

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Horse makes full recovery

THE owner of a horse involved in a horrific riding accident at Witcham has shared a picture of her recuperating back at her stables.

Patsy was one of two horses involved in the shocking incident, along with two riders, who were hit by a car travelling on the wrong side of the road.

The brown and white mare had to be nursed back to life by vets when she was injured in the head and chest after being thrown in the air by the force of the impact.

Witcham Equestrian Centre spokeswoman Jane Badcock said: "[The picture] shows how amazing she looks after the accident. She is an incredible mare who works in the equestrian centre and has two devoted sharers."

Fleur, the other horse, is also recovering well.

HAPPY HORSE: Patsy is now in a stable condition after her ordeal.

COURT

Justice catches up with driver

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A MAN who ran away from police in Ely after being arrested for drink driving has been jailed after a judge told him he "can't escape justice".

Aaron Vasey, 26, of Welland Place, Ely, previously pleaded guilty at Cambridge Crown Court to escaping custody.

He was sentenced last Thursday when he was jailed for four months. He was also disqualified from driving for 18 months.

It was made clear at the end of Vasey's sentencing that he intended to appeal against the court's decision.

Between 1.30am and 2am on January 7 this year, police on patrol noticed a Renault Clio van being driven above the speed limit of 30mph on Tower Green in Ely, the court was told.

Philip Farr, prosecuting, said officers stopped the vehicle which was being driven by Vasey, and smelt alcohol on his breath.

He added: "A roadside breath test was carried out and the defendant blew a reading of 66 micograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath – almost twice the legal limit of 35 micrograms.

"He was told he was under arrest but whilst they were waiting for a police van to take him to the station, the defendant ran off down the street away from officers and couldn't be found.

"He was identified by a police officer from earlier bodycam footage of the incident."

A few days later police visited Vasey's address in Ely, where he was arrested.

In a police interview Vasey, who has one previous conviction, said he had been drinking with his brother and felt OK to drive, the court was told.

He said he remembered driving and being arrested, as well as running away from police and hiding.

Mr Farr added: "The defendant said he didn't want to spend the night in a cell and knew he was going to lose his licence."

Mark Mcdonald, mitigating, said the offence was a moment of madness, was very out of character and was committed in sheer panic.

Sentencing Vasey, Judge David Farrell QC said: "You knew you were going to lose your licence so you chose to run off.

"You disappeared until a time when all the alcohol in your blood had evaporated.

"You are not going to escape justice by running off. Drinking and driving puts all sorts of people at risk, which you knew, but you ran off which is totally unacceptable."

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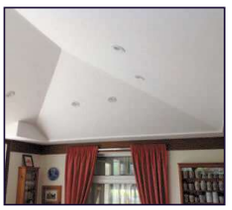

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Happy 75th birthday to my dear wife. Lots of love from **Keith xxx**

Happy Birthday Mum

Jackson Irene

Happy birthday Mum. 18th March 2017. Hope you enjoy your celebrations. Lots of love from **Carole and Lindsay, Joanne and Mark, Helen and Andrew xxxxxx**

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Deaths

HAINES
Betty
of Littleport

Passed away peacefully at The Grange Nursing Home on Wednesday 1st March 2017 aged 102 years.

Dear friend to Geoffrey, Beryl, Primrose and Crawford. Sadly Missed.

Funeral Service at St George's Church, Littleport on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 11.30am followed by committal at Fenland Crematorium, March.

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Leprosy Mission and St George's Church may be left at the service or sent to

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JUSTICE
Roger Charles 'Jim'
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Passed away peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Thursday 2nd March 2017 aged 73 years

Husband of Hazel, dear dad of Jacqueline, Sharon and Amanda, much loved gramps of Samantha, Calli, Joseph, Thomas, Lola, Rose and his five great grandchildren.

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Carol Ann

The family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards and letters of sympathy during their recent sad loss.

Thanks to everyone who attended the funeral service, your presence was of great comfort.

Special thanks to Barbara Kenny for the lovely service also to Robert Branch and staff of Ely Funeral Service for their support during this sad and difficult time.

Thanks for donations given in Carol's memory to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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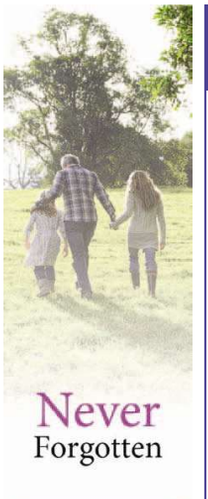

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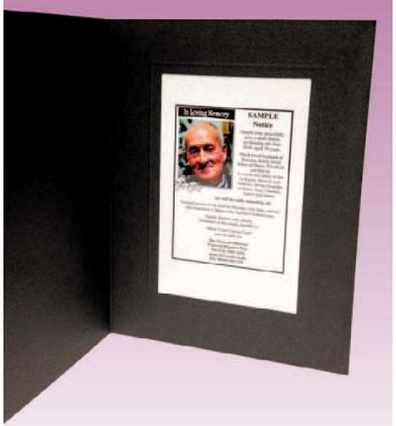

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In her weekly column for *Ely News*, MP for South East Cambridgeshire Lucy Frazer takes a look at the measures included in the Chancellor's Spring Budget

ECONOMISTS predict that two thirds of children starting school today will be in jobs that do not yet exist.

That startling statistic means we need to think carefully about how we train the people who are our future.

That training must not only encompass the ability to read, write and calculate and include the capacity for thought, judgment and responsibility but it must also incorporate the practical technical training needed to support our local businesses.

The Chancellor's Spring Budget last week looked to the future in this way as he announced measures to increase opportunities for young people, to improve our productivity and ensure the next generation has the right skills.

The Chancellor announced a £500 million investment in technical education and the streamlining of qualifications.

He confirmed the launch of the new 'T' level, technical training for students aged 16-19 in sectors including construction and engineering The aim is to put technical education on a par with academics.

This, coupled with announcements to support collaborations between business and the UK's science base, including electric vehicles and developing cutting-edge artificial intelligence, will be of great benefit to our region which is at heart of the UK's technology industry.

As a vociferous campaigner for fairer funding, I am always pleased to see investment in our schools and the budget also provides a further £216 million for school maintenance.

But it was not just skills and schools but also social care which got a boost.

Having visited Addenbrooke's last month and discussed social care with the interim chairman, Mike Moore, I am keenly aware, as are so many of us, of the need for further funds for social care.

The Chancellor's commitment of £2 billion more for social care is much needed.

Our area, like many others, has a growing elderly population and it is important to ensure that people are cared for in the community, rather than in hospital, wherever possible.

This funding will help in the effort to ease the burden on hospitals like Addenbrooke's.

I should also mention the relief identified by the Chancellor for small businesses which may suffer an increase in business rates.

I hope that all these measures support our thriving local economy and bring further prosperity to our region.

If you would like to contact me on any issue please do so at *lucy@lucyfrazer.org.uk* or follow me on facebook *www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy* or visit my website *www.lucyfrazer.org.uk*

MEMORIES

Fight for survival in the year of the Great Flood

CHRIS **ELLIOTT**
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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE: A partly submerged house all at sea between Earith and Haddenham. Picture: Cambridgeshire Collection.

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SEVENTY years ago last weekend, one of the worst disasters ever to hit our region struck with chilling speed.

Swollen by torrential rain, the onset of a rapid thaw, and unusually high spring tides, all the major rivers burst their banks, inundating farmland, roads and homes.

A vast area of land was swamped, half of it prime arable land desperately needed to supply a population only just freed from the grip of war. Sowings of winter wheat and vast quantities of potatoes were submerged.

In the low lying areas close to the Great Ouse, Welland and Nene, the floodwater tore huge breaches in the river banks and hundreds of families were made homeless. The sheer force of the water smashed fences, knocked down doors and destroyed walls, even those made of brick.

Thousands of pigs, cattle, sheep and poultry were swept away too – but miraculously no human lives were lost.

Local people were joined by the Army – and prisoners-of-war – in battling to keep the water at bay, but could do little to prevent further damage. Many of the embankments had been established way back in the 17th century by the Dutch engineer Cornelius Vermuyden as part of the vast fenland drainage project.

The final bill was set at £12 million, at today's prices half a billion pounds, and a relief fund was set up with an initial contribution by the Government of £1 million.

The National Farmers' Union also launched a disaster fund and members of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service set up temporary shelters and canteens for the homeless.

One of the areas where the flooding was at its worst was at Haddenham.

One *News* reader who was there at the time, and still lives there in her 80s, has vivid memories of the catastrophe.

The woman, who has asked not to be named, said: "The water came up from the fen as far as the bridge, and people's homes were under water. In some places it was 14 feet deep. No-one knew what to do – it was dreadful.

"I remember one young man who had just built a nice bungalow. All he could do was watch as the water rushed over it.

"They brought water pumps all the way from Holland to pump the water back into the rivers."

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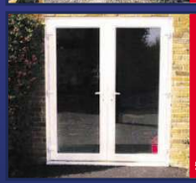
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Stylish and experienced

Hidden in the grounds of Poets House hotel, The Salon is a haven of peace in its secluded private courtyard.

Established almost four years ago by three well respected local senior stylists, the team at The Salon have an abundance of experience.

Simon, Jodie and Sarah pride themselves on offering a unique experience to Ely in both the chic, sophisticated styling of the space, as well as their continuing dedication to providing superb customer service.

The team has grown over the years, now comprising of the three aforementioned salon owners, two fantastic apprentices and an incredibly talented, newly qualified junior stylist.

Attention to detail and quality of workmanship is imperative to The Salon in order to maintain their fantastic reputation, highlighted by the high standard of work produced by the younger members of staff and the ceaseless focus on perfection.

MEET THE TEAM: The staff from The Salon

Because of this, The Salon is very proud to announce that Lois Constable will now be taking on new clients.

Lois, a local girl, is arguably one of the best junior stylists the ownership have ever produced.

Lois has a confident style of work, while still having the humility to seek advice from more senior members of staff, if needed.

Loved by clients and staff alike, Lois has a very exciting career ahead of her, and is thrilled at the opportunity offered to her to continue as a junior stylist at the salon where she received her training.

You can find The Salon at 44A St Mary's Street, Ely. For more information, or to book an appointment, call (01353) 887788.

TRANSPORT

Building work begins on city's £36m southern bypass project

A SOD-CUTTING ceremony marked the start of work on Ely Southern bypass last Thursday.

The work has been commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council after the final designs were approved in December.

Alongside contractors VolkerFitzpatrick, the event was attended by representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Network Rail, the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and MP Lucy Frazer.

Set to open in the spring 2018, the road has been designed to alleviate a congestion-blighted area which currently gridlocks Ely and will include two new bridges to cross the River Ouse and its flood plain.

The £36 million project will connect the A142 at Angel Drove to Stuntney Causeway.

Speaking on site county councillor Ian Bates, chairman of the economy and environment committee, said: "It is great to see excavators start on building this new bypass which will allow better access for all road users in and around the historic City of Ely."

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LET'S DO IT: Representatives from contractors VolkerFitzpatrick and partners gather at the official sod-cutting ceremony

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In addition to the homeowners' lounge, facilities at Roslyn Court will include a fabulous on-site bistro style restaurant serving fresh food, with the option to bring friends and family along too, plus its own luxury guest suite should visitors come to stay. The development will also benefit from its very own Estates Manager, ensuring the smooth-running of the development, a security entrance system, plus 24 hour emergency call points – providing added peace of mind for homeowners and their families.

Bistro-style Restaurant

Artist Impression

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A warm welcome awaits ...

Waterbeach Lodge, an elderly care facility operated by Scimitar Care Hotels, has quickly become one of the region's most renowned care hotels after its opening in 2013.

In January of this year a new dedicated dementia wing was opened, making them more equipped than ever to assist the needs of a wide variety of residents.

Located just six miles from Cambridge city centre, Waterbeach Lodge enjoys far reaching countryside views, in a picturesque setting ideally situated for families of residents to come and visit any time they want.

Waterbeach Lodge has strong links with the community with regular activities involving the local primary school and the local church, which caters to residents with religious needs. It has the use of its own minibus that allows the residents to go out into the community on regular outings.

There is a welcoming community atmosphere between the residents and all the staff at Waterbeach Lodge, with a weekly activity programme run by their full-time activities coordinator. The programme is there to entertain and stimulate all residents with different needs. All staff assist with the activity programme, activities include flower arranging and crafts.

Waterbeach Lodge is already looking forward to its annual summer fete, a major highlight in the Care Hotels calendar. The fete this year will be taking place on Saturday June 24 and will feature live entertainment, stalls, a dog show and a barbeque, with further activities to be announced nearer the date. This is open to all the community.

All rooms at Waterbeach Lodge contain direct-dial telephone and television facilities, alongside state-of-the-art adjustable orthopaedic beds, an emergency call system and en suite facilities. Carers are on hand 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to help if anyone requires assistance. All meals are freshly cooked giving residents great choice and designed to meet the dietary needs of all.

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Bake a tasty

A home-made cake for Mother's Day is hard to beat. Blogger and baker to the stars Georgia Green shares a show-stopping recipe that is easier than you'd think...

Mothers don't want fancy presents, or even flashy, treat meals.

Ask most mums what they'd like on Mothering Sunday and it's likely to be 'time with the family'.

So book yourself in for a bake off, make a cake and turn up in time for afternoon tea. This spectacular recipe from blogger and baker to the stars, Georgia Green (georgias-cakes.co.uk), is made for mums.

GEORGIA'S TWO-TIER FRASIER CAKE

For the genoise sponge:

200g eggs (about 4), 40g egg egg yolk, 150g caster sugar, 150g plain flour, 24g melted butter

For the creme patisserie:

500ml milk, 1 vanilla pod, 80g egg yolk, 120g caster sugar, 40g plain flour, 40g corn flour, 300g softened butter

To decorate:

2 punnets fresh strawberries, Extra fruit, Icing sugar, Sugar syrup (equal measures of caster sugar and water.

Starting with the genoise, whisk together the eggs, yolk and sugar until ribbon stage (thick enough for you to write with it in the mixture).

Sift in half the flour and gently fold, then add the remaining flour.

Once combined, add the melted butter and fold in.

Pour into two mousse rings (or cake tins with removable bases) – one eight inches and one four inches – and cook at 180C for 20 minutes, until the cake springs back and a knife comes out clean.

For the creme patisserie, scrape the vanilla seeds into the milk and heat until it's steaming.

While it's heating, whisk together the yolks and caster sugar until pale. Sift in both flours and whisk together to combine.

Pour half of the hot milk into the sugar/egg/flour and mix in, then add this mixture back to the milk pan where the rest of the milk already is, and whisk while cooking back on the heat.

This will begin to thicken, so keep whisking until it starts to boil (you will see bubbles try to escape from the bottom!).

Take off the heat, transfer onto a tray, spread it flat, cover tightly with cling film and leave to cool. Once cool, whisk back up and gradually add the softened butter to achieve the correct consistency.

When the cake is cooked, remove from the tin and wash the tin ring up - you will need this for assembly.

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Then, cut the remaining sponge cake in half, as neatly as possible so you now have two layers.

Put one of the layers back in the mousse ring (which should now be on cake board to serve), press down and coat with sugar syrup.

Cut the stalks from the strawberries and cut in half lengthways.

Arrange these around the rim of the mousse tin, facing outwards. Fill any gaps between the strawberries with the creme patisserie (a piping bag will help). Then spread out a generous layer of creme patisserie on the bottom.

With the spare trimming of the sponge, soak in sugar syrup and place in the centre.

If any strawberries are left over, cut them into smaller cubes and gather them on top of this layer of sponge.

Then add the remaining creme patisserie and cover all of the cake right up to the top of the tin.

When the creme patisserie is smoothed out, gently lift up the mousse ring, and the alignment of strawberries should be neat and visible. Now the top layer of genoise can be placed on top, with a quick dusting of icing sugar.

Repeat for the smaller cake, then arrange the fruit to decorate over the top and finish with a dusting of icing sugar.

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Ely

■ K9 Cafe weekly dog friendly drop-in: a safe social place for people and dogs, at Ely Cathedral Conference Centre, March 16, 10am till noon.
■ Peter Marlow exhibition of The English Cathedral at Ely Cathedral, runs until April 5, 10am till 5.30pm.
■ Children's art club the artful Splodgers at Tindall's the Stationers, March 18, 1pm till 4.30pm. Ages 7 plus. Call: (01353) 669498.
■ Ely pub tour, starting at the Royal Standard, March 18, 1pm till 5pm. Call: (01353) 645194.
■ Ely Fire Fighters Charity car wash at Ely Fire Station, March 18, 11am till 3pm. Get your car washed in exchange for a donation.
■ Ladies Night Spring Fashion launch at Ely City Golf Club, March 17, 7pm till 10pm. Tickets £10, includes glass of Bucks Fizz. Proceeds go to charity. Call (01353) 665472.
■ Little Stars messy play day, Paradise Sports Centre, March 18, 1.30pm till 2.30pm. Ages 2-8. £6.50 per hour. Call: (01353) 667580.
■ This Country Life: Babylon Gallery, selected paintings and prints exhibition. Runs until March 19. Free entry, call: (01353) 667580.
■ Ely & District Archeological Society, talk on the origins of Stonehenge, at New Room Methodist Church, March 20, from 8pm.
■ Ely soup dinner fundraiser, The Maltings, March 24, from 7.15pm. Admission £5, For more visit: *www.elysoup.com*.
■ Race night for Comic Relief at BAR62, March 24, 7pm till 10pm. Late night bar and disco until 1.30am. Call: (01353) 661003.
■ Easter Egg Bingo at Highfield Special School, March 25, 6pm till 8pm. All the family are welcome. £1 per game. Email *hfpaeasterbingo@outlook.com*.
■ Ely Consort concert of War and Peace, Ely Cathedral, March 25, from 7.30pm. Tickets £15 - £10. Under 16 £7.50 to £5. For tickets call: (01353) 660349.
■ Charity abseil by Ely College Class of '78 at Ely College, March 25, 10am till 5pm. Billed as 'a reunion with a difference'. For more info call: (01353) 667763.
■ Kd Theatre production of *Treasure Island*, The Maltings Ely, April 1 till April 5. For tickets call: (01638) 781037.

Soham

■ Nearly new sale, at The Shade Primary School, March 25, 3pm till 5pm. £5 per table. To book a table call: 07957996192.

Haddenham

■ The Melodybeats charity gig at The Three Kings to raise funds for Robert Arkenstall Primary School, March 17, 9pm. Free entry.

Witchford

■ Charity bingo in aid of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. March 24, 7pm till 10pm. Bingo tickets £5. Call: (01353) 775266.
■ Stay and play children's activity day at Little Downham Village Hall, March 27, 1pm till 6pm. Tickets £5 per child all day or £3 for 1.5 hours.

Little Downham

■ Mothering Sunday boat ride at Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve, an hour-long trip along Wicken Lode on the Mayfly boat. Booking essential. Call: (01353) 720274.

GREEN FINGERED: Ben Shipp, the College of West Anglia's apprentice of the year for horticulture, with principal David Pomfret.

Budding gardener wins college award

AN employee has picked up an award for his impressive work as a horticulture apprentice at Ely City Golf Club.

Ben Shipp, 23, collected his award at the College of West Anglia Apprenticeship Awards on March 6.

He said: "My apprenticeship went really well. It took a lot of hard work and determination to finish the course and so to win this award is a big achievement."

The ceremony was held at the King's Lynn Town Hall and was attended by award-winning apprentices, their employers, family and friends.

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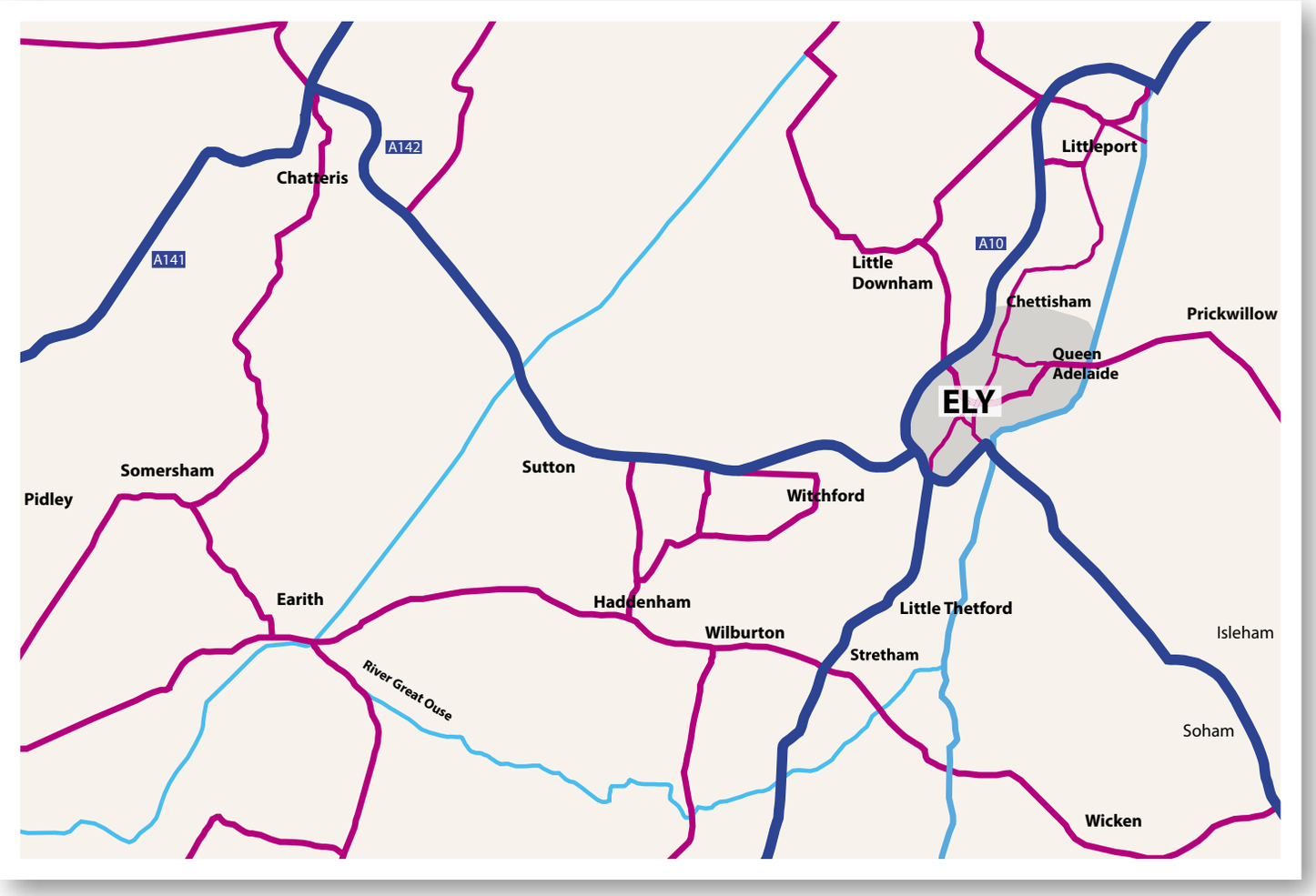

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Feature homes

Cover property – Ely £435,000

THIS four bedroom detached residence in Arundell, Ely, is now available to buy at a guide price of £435,000.

The entrance hall leads towards the cloakroom and the sitting room with double glazed sliding patio doors to the conservatory. Also on the ground floor is the dining room and the kitchen breakfast room with built in Bosch cooking appliances.

Upstairs there are four bedrooms and a bathroom featuring panel enclosed bath with thermostatic shower unit over.

Outside the property, the front garden features a concrete driveway, carport and garage. To the rear, there is a garden with patio and shed. Contact Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

Witchford: £550,000

THIS four bedroom detached home in Barton Close, Witchford, is now available to buy at a guide price of £550,000.

Located on a sought after development, accommodation at this property comprises an entrance hall, cloakroom/WC, kitchen/breakfast room with integrated appliances, living room with fireplace and a separate dining room on the ground floor.

Upstairs, the galleried landing leads to four bedrooms, including a master with en suite and dressing room, and a family bathroom.

Outside the property there is block paved driveway parking, double cart lodge and a rear garden backing on to farmland.

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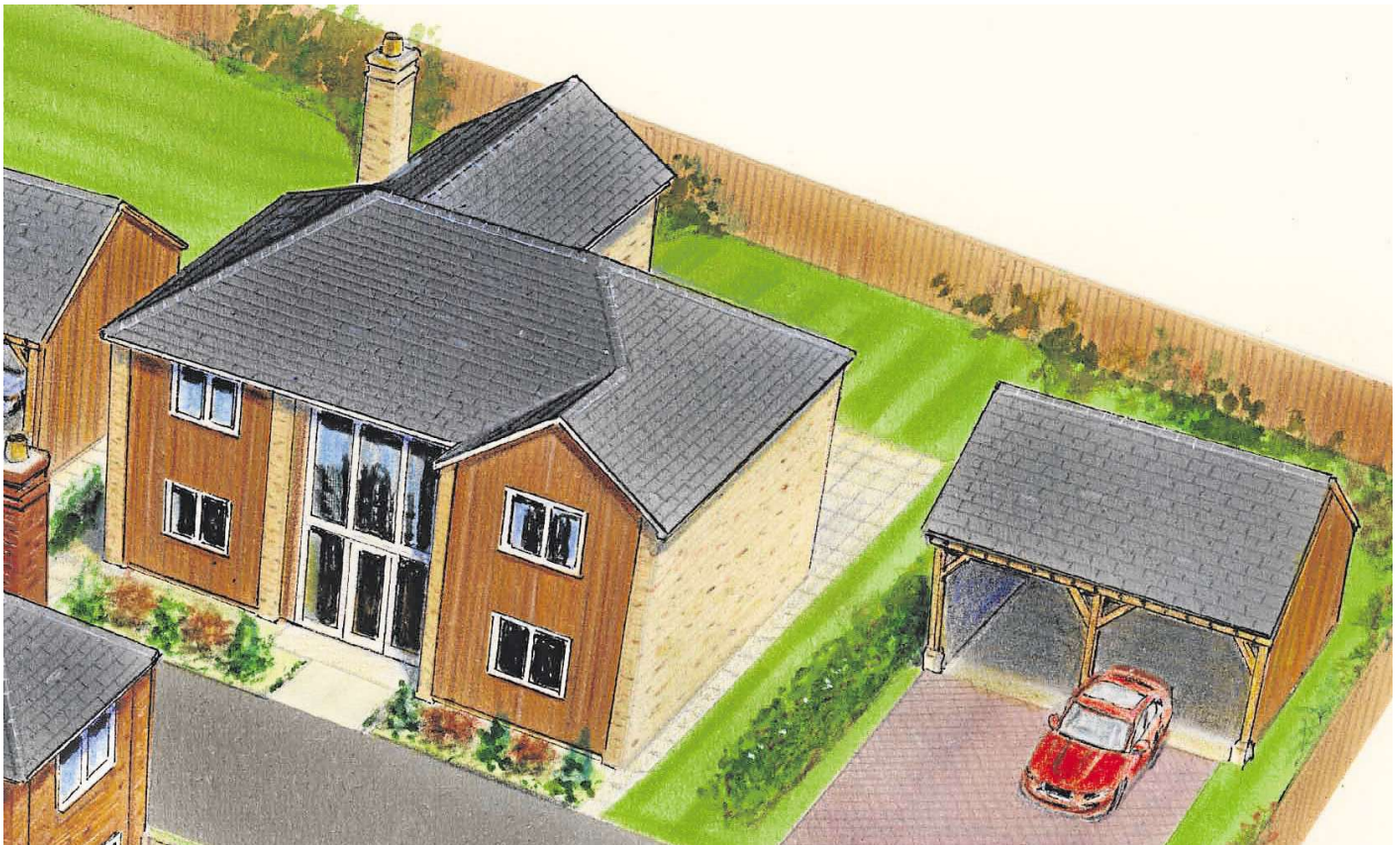

Feature homes

Ely: £895pcm

This refitted home in Ely is now available to rent for £895pcm. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, which is open plan with the sitting room. This room opens out to the dining area and the recently refitted kitchen, with integrated features including electric oven and hob.

The main bathroom is also accessed from the entrance hallway and features a roll top bath with shower over. There are three bedrooms upstairs, one master, a double and a single, with first floor accommodation completed by the upstairs WC. Outside there is a rear garden with barbecue area, two sheds and a shingle patio.

Contact Parker Properties on (01353) 664728.

First owners move into homes

The first completions have taken place at the Manor Farm development in Stretham. With thirteen properties now sold and six owners moved in, there are only four remaining plots available in phase one of the development.

Popular with downsizers, families and professional couples, construction will begin on phase two at Manor Farm in the coming weeks.

Once complete, Manor Farm will include 75 properties in total, 23 of which will be available under the Community Land Trust Scheme. Community is at the heart of Manor Farm, which has been reflected in the scheme's large central village green, a new doctor's surgery and extensive pathways through the surrounding countryside. Laragh Homes has made a concerted effort to improve local bridleways and walks, paying homage to the area's open countryside.

Built by Laragh Homes, Manor Farm is a landmark scheme, built as a Community Land Trust project, meaning that the local community played a significant part in deciding the size, layout and style of the development. Every house is built with an emphasis on energy efficiency, including air source heat pumps and a high standard of insulation. This gives each home an impressive energy rating for efficiency and environmental impact, saving owners money on running costs.

Close to the River Ouse, Stretham is a quintessential English village, with a Post Office, pub, church and primary school. Stretham has sports and social clubs, community allotments, a large playing field and a bowling green. Stretham is four miles from the historic town of Ely and only twelve miles from Cambridge. Bury St Edmunds, Huntingdon and Newmarket are all also within easy reach.

There are four remaining properties in phase one at Manor Farm. The houses prices start from £459,995.

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Witchford: £525,000

THIS four bedroom detached home in Marroway Lane, Witchford, is now available to buy for £525,000.

The entrance hall leads towards the cloakroom, utility room and the kitchen/breakfast room. This twin aspect room has an archway through to the garden room and lounge with brick fireplace.

Upstairs there are four bedrooms, one with an en suite shower room with WC, as well as a family bathroom with panelled bath, low level WC and washbasin.

Outside, there is a double garage, as well as a rear garden laid to lawn with paved terrace and a selection of shrubs and plants.

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Soham £185,000

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Ely — £285,000

- An older style mid terrace home
- Lounge/diner with engineered oak flooring
- Modern fitted kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Small, paved front garden
- Low maintenance rear garden
- On street parking
- EPC D

Ely — £435,000

- An immaculately presented detached home
- Study
- Kitchen opening to dining room
- Utility room
- Living room
- 4 bedrooms, en suite shower and family bathroom
- Block paved front area and tarmac drive to double garage
- Corner plot gardens with extensive block paved patio and lawn area
- EPC Band C

Witchford — £525,000

- An individual, established detached family home
- Non-estate location
- 'L'-shaped living room
- Garden room with views into the garden
- Modern fitted kitchen/ breakfast room
- 4 Bedrooms
- En suite shower to master
- Large rear garden laid to lawn with pergola and excellent selection of shrubs and trees
- EPC D

Witchford — £349,950

- A detached family home
- Living room
- Dining room
- Conservatory
- Study (partially converted garage)
- Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms with en-suite to master and family bathroom
- Partial converted garage with up and over door provides storage and driveway parking
- Enclosed rear garden with gated access
- EPC D

Sutton — £239,950

- An established spacious modern detached house
- Lounge/dining area
- Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Side driveway to a detached garage
- Pleasant rear garden with paved areas, lawn area and borders.
- EPC D

Sutton — £220,000

- A modern spacious semi detached house
- 2 Double bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Family bathroom
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Block paved driveway to the front
- Fully enclosed rear garden with access to store room
- EPC C

Ely — £395,000

- A modern townhouse
- Secure gated access to rear parking/garden area
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Living/dining room
- Family room/ 5th bedroom
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Enclosed courtyard rear garden
- Parking spaces to rear area
- EPC C

Little Thetford — £350,000

- A modern detached family home
- Modern fitted kitchen/ dining room
- Lounge with open fireplace
- Conservatory
- Utility room
- 4 Bedrooms, en suite shower and family bathroom
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Little Downham £325,000.

A well presented detached home with accommodation over 3 floors, situated in a cul de sac location close to the centre of this highly regarded village. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, lounge/dining room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom and shower room, enclosed rear garden and 2 parking spaces. The property has the benefit of gas central heating and upvc double glazing. EPR C.

Ely £440,000.

A spacious detached home in one of the City's most highly regarded locations overlooking an open green area. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), bathroom, attractive front and rear gardens, driveway and garage. Benefits also include upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Offered with no upward chain. EPR C.

Ely £465,000

A detached family home, superbly extended on the ground floor to create excellent family living accommodation. Comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen opening into Family room, utility, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and bathroom, double garage and gardens. Popular residential area convenient for schools. EPR D.

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Little Downham £189,950

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Ely £289,950

A well presented semi detached house situated on a highly regarded modern development. Entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, single garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from double glazing and gas central heating. EPR C.

Littleport £275,000

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Welney £500,000

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O.I.E.O. £190,000

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Impressive Home in an Impressive Location £440,000

Little Downham

This detached home offers entrance hall, lounge/diner leading to the conservatory, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room leading to the utility and cloakroom. The first floor offers a galleried landing, master bedroom benefiting from a dressing room and ensuite, three further double bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside the rear garden is in two separate parts, both being low maintenance leading to the detached garage at the end of the garden.

Open House 18th March 11am-12pm O.I.E.O. £220,000

Sutton

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£329,950

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges** / **Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables** / **documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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BOOKSHELF

As her 50th birthday approaches, TV's Kate Garraway talks to **HANNAH STEPHENSON** about cosmetic surgery and why sex isn't the be-all-and-end-all of a happy marriage

I used to be obsessed with getting a facelift

GOOD Morning Britain presenter Kate Garraway is often compared to Bridget Jones, due to her calamitous moments.

The most famous of these happened last year, when her crotch – sporting nude-coloured support pants – was accidentally flashed to the nation as her co-presenter, Ben Shephard, scooped her up and pretended to dunk her in a pool of muddy water.

"I've made such a fool of myself so many times on TV. When you've flashed your crotch in front of the nation, it's hard to get nervous about anything ever again! It was my worst nightmare," she laments.

"I had to go back through everything, frame by frame, to see just how much had been revealed. It was awful, but I am still speaking to Ben!"

Relaying the story with wide-eyed mock horror, laughter never far away, it's clear Kate has been around long enough not to take life too seriously.

She's now tackling middle age – she'll be 50 this year – with The Joy Of Big Knickers, an upbeat, positive and humorous book which looks at middle age for the modern woman.

It's partly anecdotal – we learn her thoughts on cosmetic surgery, embarking on a sex challenge with her husband, changing her couch potato habits and eating more healthily – but there's plenty of research in there which addresses the problems and feelings of today's women as they reach this phase of life.

TV and radio presenter Kate Garraway, and above, her new book

"It made me think, 'I am going to be 50 and it feels like a very big number, where you should have achieved things or be content with things'. I thought, 'I'm still overstretched, overworked, feeling like I'm not being as good a mum as I should be or as good at work as I should be'. I needed to take stock.

"I needed to look at exercise, eating, and the great thing about my job is that you not only have super-glamorous famous people who seem to have got it all sorted, to take advice from, but also as a journalist, I know how to find answers from experts."

Kate has worked on breakfast TV for nearly 20 years, interviewing everyone from heavyweight politicians to film stars including Julia Roberts and Tom Cruise. There have been times when Kate has wanted to enhance her own looks, although, so far, she has resisted Botox and going under the knife.

"I pretty much wanted a facelift quite obsessively for ages. But everyone said it wouldn't make any difference at all. My husband thought I was bonkers. He said, 'Don't do that!' He thinks it's ridiculous.

"The make-up artist at Good Morning Britain said, 'We see all the good and bad work in this chair. You need to look at all the other things first [exercise, diet etc] because they create the youthful energy that we're all after, rather than being wrinkle-free.'"

Kate has a daughter, Darcey, 10, and seven-year-old son, Billy, with second husband Derek Draper, a former Labour adviser, whom she married 11 years ago.

In her book, she talks about embarking on a two-week challenge, to have sex with him once a day for 14 days.

Kate with husband Derek

"Derek was like, 'What, sex once every two weeks?' I said, 'No, once every day for two weeks,'" she recalls, laughing.

But on day seven, calamity struck. "He took the children to the park, slipped on some wet leaves, broke four bones in his foot and spent the evening in A&E – and that was it."

In the book, she writes: "Sex isn't the be-all and end-all, as we mid-lifers know so well. Companionship, trust, support in raising a family and caring for elderly relatives can make us adore our partners much more than any special antics in the bedroom."

As for work, she writes warmly about her GMB pals.

"You never get stories about Good Morning Britain or any of our team fighting with each other," she says. "Piers has livened things up. It's just Piers being Piers. I know him really well and he's actually a very kind and loyal person. He's definitely brought an energy to GMB which is different," she says.

For now, she is planning a huge party for her 50th birthday and is positive about the future.

"On my lovely journey, I've sometimes felt it could be downhill from here, but that isn't always a bad thing. It's better than an uphill struggle. Take the time to take stock and work out what your priorities are, what things are holding you back, make peace with decisions you've made in the past, realise the way you are is because of choices you made, and take responsibility for and control of your life," Kate muses.

"It's a time of explosive change, and it's incredibly liberating."

■ **The Joy Of Big Knickers by Kate Garraway, pictured, is out now (Blink, £14.99)**

LATEST TITLES

THE CHILBURY LADIES CHOIR Jennifer Ryan, Borough Press, £12.99 (ebook £6.99)

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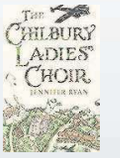

JENNIFER RYAN dedicates her wonderfully warm debut novel to her grandmother, Eileen Beckley, and the women of the Home Front – whose incredible stories she has woven together into a beautifully life-affirming tale of the power of community spirit in the constant fear of war.

She allows each of her female protagonists to have their own voice, through their letters and diary entries.

The book begins with a funeral and a notice pinned to Chilbury village hall noticeboard stating the village choir will close as 'all our male voices have gone to war'.

And it ends with an unexpected wedding and a choir of ladies who have banded together to support each other through love, loss, childbirth and a bombing.

While the descriptions of the togetherness of a choir are spot-on, the volume of dialogue written in letters, without which much of the action would be difficult to convey. An extremely impressively researched and tender debut.

ALL OUR WRONG TODAYS Elan Mastai, Michael Joseph, £14.99 (ebook £9.99)

★★★★★

TOM Barren gets the chance to travel through time. Not only that. He gets the chance to change what is wrong about his world. But that's where the dilemma kicks in. Does he prefer the version of the world he travelled from or the one in which he has found himself?

Everything appears back to front – his actions change his reality, but also that of everyone else. People don't die. Others aren't born. The ultimate paradox.

All Our Wrong Todays is screenwriter Elan Mastai's debut novel and has already been optioned for the big screen. The short chapters betray Mastai's origins as a scriptwriter, but make this sci-fi time travel adventure both engrossing and easy to read.

BOOKS CHART

1. My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout
2. Norse Mythology, Neil Gaiman (pictured)
3. Days Without End, Sebastian Barry
4. The Gustav Sonata, Rose Tremain
5. Different Class, Joanne Harris
6. The Essex Serpent, Sarah Perry
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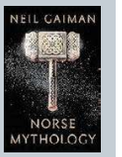

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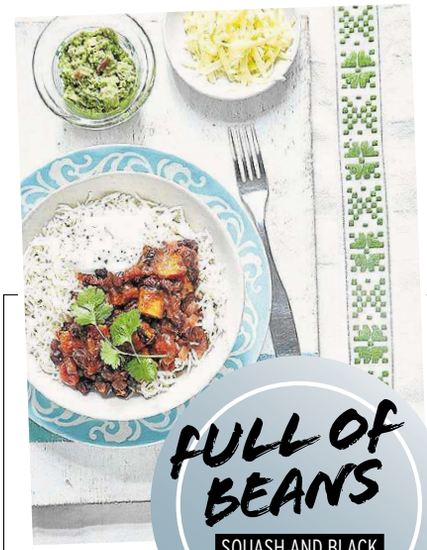

FULL OF BEANS

SQUASH AND BLACK BEAN CHILLI (SERVES 6-8)

INGREDIENTS

1 small butternut squash (about 1kg), peeled, deseeded and cut into cubes
3tbsp olive oil
2 red onions, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 fresh red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
1tbsp ground cumin
1tbsp ground coriander
3 x 400g tins of chopped tomatoes
150ml white wine
1tbsp light muscovado sugar
2 x 400g tins of black beans, drained and rinsed
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Sprigs of coriander, to serve

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/Gas 7.
2. Arrange the cubes of squash in a single layer on a baking tray and drizzle over two tablespoons of the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper and toss together.
3. Roast in the oven for 25-35 minutes, or until golden and tender, but still with a little bite.
4. Heat the remaining oil in a large, wide, deep frying pan.
5. Add the onions, garlic and chilli and fry over a high heat for two to three minutes.
6. Sprinkle in the spices and fry for another minute. Add the tomatoes, wine and sugar, season with salt and pepper and bring to the boil, stirring.
7. Cover with a lid, then reduce the heat and simmer for about 10 minutes.
8. Give the mixture a stir, add the beans and the roasted cubes of squash, then cover again with the lid and simmer for a further 10 minutes.
9. Check the seasoning and serve piping hot with the coriander.

I'm not stepping back... I won't be idle

Mary Berry may have bid farewell to The Great British Bake Off following its channel change, but that's not going to stop her cooking up a storm

NO BAKE OFF, NO MATTER – MARY BERRY HAS PLENTY TO KEEP BUSY WITH. SHE TELLS ***GEMMA DUNN*** *WHY SHE'S ON A MISSION TO CELEBRATE THE EVERYDAY*

VIEWERS were left bereft when Mary Berry announced she wouldn't be following The Great British Bake Off to Channel 4.

But fear not, fans – five months on and the Somerset-born cook, whose final GBBO hurrah came in the form of a National Television Award for Best TV Judge earlier this year, is back with a new BBC2 TV series and accompanying cookbook, Mary Berry Everyday, celebrating items which have formed the cornerstone of her cooking over six decades.

"I was thinking about, as the title suggests, the everyday," explains Mary, 81, whose culinary career started, aged 21, with training at Le Cordon Bleu school, France.

"Everyday can be just with the family, it can mean having friends around, it can be a special occasion."

While the six-part series will follow Mary as she travels to Scotland to enjoy the best of their everyday larder; try her hand at bee keeping; and teach her grand-daughter to milk a goat and make cheese, the tie-in tome will document her own kitchen creations (120, to be exact), alongside top tricks and tips.

With everything from hearty and wholesome, to indulgent and easy crowd-pleasers on the menu, it's a catalogue that's sure to please.

"All the recipes are tried out at home," notes the star, who reveals she welcomes constructive criticism from her tight-knit family (Mary often cooks for her husband, Paul Hunnings, and their children and grandchildren).

"The children might say, 'Oh yuck', or someone may say, 'That takes too long to do', and those don't go in the book," she confides. "But I make sure there aren't too many of those!

"It's important not to have too many ingredients or pieces of equipment," she adds. "I want to inspire people to cook, and I do think a book is a nice thing to have. I'm very lucky that people trust me and that they have a go."

With more than 70 titles under her belt, it's safe to say people do trust Mary – and fans will be pleased to hear she isn't hanging up her apron strings any time soon.

"I'm not stepping back; I am doing different things," Mary insists, resolute in her choice to keep busy.

"Maybe Mel (Giedroyc), Sue (Perkins) and I will get down to something..." she adds cryptically – the Bake Off co-presenters also decided to quit the popular series when the shock channel switch was announced – though it's unlikely to happen overnight.

"I've got a new series on country houses coming up, I'll be doing a bit at Chelsea (Flower Show) I expect, and I'll be doing a new series for 2018," says Mary. "Don't worry, I won't be idle."

Keep busy in the kitchen yourself, with these three recipes from Mary's new book...

■ Mary Berry Everyday (far left) by Mary Berry, photography by Georgia Glynn Smith, is published by BBC Books, priced £26.
■ Mary Berry Everyday continues on BBC2 on Mondays at 8.30pm.

RAISE A GLASS WITH JANE CLARE

HOW about some new kids on the block? No – not a boy band, but new wines that have arrived just as the weather is beginning to turn and we're thinking of spring round the corner.

If you read this column a couple of weeks ago (thanks for coming back, keep taking the tablets) I told you that Asda had brought out a sparkling wine to catch the attention of prosecco drinkers.

Asda has blended pinot grigio and a grape called glera (which is used to make prosecco) to create its new wine **Progrigio** (£5, 11% abv).

What do I think of it? I'm making life difficult for myself with a mini scientific experiment.

I was in Asda a couple of days ago and spotted a cava, also for a fiver. I love cava and think it's massively overlooked by fizz lovers.

I bought **Marques Del Norte Cava Vintage Brut** (11.5% abv) and challenged myself to a fizz-off with these two wines.

I've marked on bubble strength, aromas, taste and overall impression. Yes. I'm sitting on the settee doing this right now on my own. Call me sad...

PROGRIGIO

■ **Bubbles:** Well, it has bubbles – 2 marks.
■ **Aromas:** Apples, grapes, a hint of flowers but also something plasticky – 2 marks
■ **Taste:** A burst of mouth-watering acidity; fruit flavours disappear very quickly leaving a tinny aftertaste – 1 mark
■ **Overall impression:** 2 marks

MARQUES DEL NORTE

■ **Bubbles:** This cava enjoyed being poured – 3 marks
■ **Aromas:** Cava is made in the same way as champagne which means there are aromas of fresh apples, citrus, and newly baked buttery bread – 3 marks
■ **Taste:** Apple, a touch of caramel (like the edges of a crispy apple pie) and the juiciness retains some flavour after you've sipped – 3 marks
■ **Overall impression:** 3 marks

I'll leave you to do the maths.

ALSO IN MY GLASS...

HERE are two more new kids, a white and a red.

Little Pebble (RRP £8, Sainsbury's, 12% abv) is a sauvignon blanc from Marlborough, New Zealand.

The wine is pale lemon and its cool blue label gives it the vibe of a crystal clear mountain stream. The name itself suggests glossy sun-glinted stones as the water tinkles over them.

Never mind the poetry Jane – what of the wine? It was a winner with my pal as we sipped it together. It is fresh and vividly typical of sauvignon blanc – with aromas of tropical fruit and just a touch of nettle with a sprightly citrus flavour.

Abbotts & Delaunay Merlot 2015 (Majestic, £9.99 or £7.99 in a buy six deal, 13% abv) is a wine in one of two new Languedoc ranges from Abbots and Delaunay – Wild Fruits and Wild Flowers.

This merlot is from the fruits range and after a long day I tasted it with a simple fried steak with fried mushrooms and onions.

Merlot, my friend in a glass, came along and soothed me with its blackberry and plum aromas and a flirt with spice; it has soft tannins, juicy acidity and plummy roundness. The following night I sipped on its own, but I much preferred it with food.

■ Email jane@onefoot inthegrapes.co.uk

STEW BEAUTY

BEEF AND ALE STEW WITH HORSERADISH SPIRAL DUMPLINGS (SERVES 8)

INGREDIENTS

For the stew: 2-3tbsp oil, 1kg braising beef (diced), 250g small shallots (peeled and halved), 2 carrots (peeled and thinly sliced), 200g button mushrooms, 50g plain flour, 500ml ale, 150ml beef stock, 2-3tbsp onion marmalade or caramelised onion chutney, 1-2tbsp Worcestershire sauce, A dash of gravy browning (optional), 3 bay leaves, Salt and black pepper, Buttered cabbage, to serve

For the dumplings: 175g self-raising flour (plus extra for dusting), 75g shredded suet (beef or vegetable), 3-4tbsp hot horseradish sauce, 2tbsp chopped parsley, Salt and black pepper

METHOD

1. You will need a 4ltr deep flameproof and ovenproof casserole dish with a lid. Preheat the oven to 160°C/140°C fan/Gas 3.
2. Heat two tablespoons of oil in the dish, add the beef and brown all over. Do this in batches, remove the meat as it is cooked and set aside.
3. Pour in a little more oil if needed and add the shallots, carrots and mushrooms. Fry for four to five minutes.
4. Measure the flour into a bowl and whisk in the ale, slowly to make a smooth paste before adding the rest.
5. Return the meat to the dish, then pour in the flour mixture and stock. Stir over a high heat until the liquid is thickened and bubbling.
6. Add onion marmalade/chutney, Worcestershire sauce, gravy browning and bay leaves. Season, then stir as you bring back up to the boil. Cover with the lid and place in the oven for two to two-and-a-half hours.
7. To make the dumplings, measure the flour and suet into a bowl and season.
8. Gradually stir in 125-150ml of water to make a soft, sticky dough. Transfer to a floured work surface and gently knead until smooth.
9. Sprinkle flour onto baking paper, sit the dough on top and roll into a rectangle about 15x25cm. Spread the top with the horseradish sauce and scatter with the parsley. Roll the dough into a Swiss roll, working from the long side.
10. Chill in the fridge for 45 minutes and slice into eight.
11. When the meat is tender, remove from the oven and increase the temperature to 220°C/200°C fan/Gas 7. Remove the lid and arrange the dumplings, spiral side up and spaced apart, on top of the stew. Cook uncovered in the oven for 25 minutes.
12. Remove the bay leaves and serve piping hot with buttered cabbage.

FEELING FRUITY

WHITE CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE (SERVES 6-8)

INGREDIENTS

For the base: 150g digestive biscuits, 60g butter (plus extra for greasing), 1tbsp demerara sugar

For the topping: 200g white chocolate, 1 x 250g tub of full-fat mascarpone cheese, 300ml pouring double cream, 1tsp vanilla extract, 500g fresh raspberries, 1tbsp icing sugar

METHOD

1. You will need a 20cm round spring-form tin with deep sides, and a piping bag fitted with a plain nozzle (optional). Butter the base of the tin and line with a disc of baking paper.
2. Measure the biscuits into a resealable freezer bag and use a rolling pin to crush into fine crumbs, but still with a bit of texture.
3. Heat the butter in a pan over a low heat until just melted. Add the crushed biscuits and sugar and stir until combined. Spoon into the base of the tin and press with the back of a spoon until level. Chill in the fridge while you make the topping.
4. Break the chocolate into a separate bowl, and sit it on top of a pan of simmering water. Stir until melted but not hot, then leave for five to 10 minutes, until cool but still liquid.
5. Meanwhile, tip the mascarpone into a bowl, and mix with a spatula to loosen it. Stir in the cream and vanilla extract until smooth.
6. To make a coulis, place half the raspberries into a food processor. Add icing sugar and whizz until runny, then pour through a sieve to remove the seeds.
7. Pour the melted chocolate into the bowl with the mascarpone mixture and stir to combine. Don't over-mix.
8. Spoon half the white chocolate mixture on to the biscuit base in the tin. Use the handle of a teaspoon to make a few small holes in the white chocolate mixture, pushing right down to the top of the biscuit base.
9. Pour or pipe enough of the coulis into the holes to fill them, setting aside the remaining coulis for decorating the top of the cheesecake. Spoon the remaining white chocolate mixture on top and smooth and level the top. Cover with cling film and chill in the fridge for a minimum of six hours, or ideally overnight.
10. To serve, arrange the rest of the raspberries on top of the cheesecake and drizzle over the remaining coulis. Run a palette knife around the edges of the tin before removing the sides and base, and sit it on a serving plate.

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male seeking

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Wheels

Alfa Romeo 'will launch hybrid as batteries develop'

ALFA Romeo will launch performance hybrid models across its range – but only when battery technology gets lighter and cheaper.

Roberto Fedeli, chief technical officer of Alfa Romeo, told the Press Association at the Geneva Motor Show that he was focussed on putting hybrid models into production that would live up to the brand's performance reputation.

"I can imagine a performance hybrid that drivers could choose to make more exciting when they wanted, using the DNA switch in the car," said Fedeli.

"Alfa Romeo hybrids will have to be performance models, but weight is currently the issue.

"When batteries are light enough we will use them to boost performance and excitement across our range."

He said that lessons learned from Ferrari LaFerrari were not transferable to Alfa – just yet.

ALFA IN GENEVA: 'Cost and weight are key to hybrid success'

"The battery in that car was developed by the F1 team and I have no idea of the cost, but it shows performance hybrids can work," he added.

"That technology isn't transferable to us. Cost and weight is the key to us, but hybrids will come in the next few years."

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Wheels

Fuel has now gone up £10 in last year

MOTORISTS are paying more than £10 extra for a tank of fuel than they were at this time last year, according to new figures.

At the end of February, unleaded petrol cost an average of 120.23p a litre, an increase of 18.6p on the price a year ago of 101.65p.

Meanwhile, the price of a typical litre of diesel stood at 122.25p, while a year ago it was 101.31p, almost 21p less.

There was some good news for hard-pressed drivers during February, however, with the stats revealing that fuel prices were at least stable during the month.

And looking back to December 1, 2014, unleaded cost 121.18p a litre, while diesel was 126.11p – both higher than they are today.

It now costs £66.13 to fill an average petrol-powered family car, as opposed to £55.91 a year ago. Meanwhile a driver will be forking out £67.24 to fill a typical diesel car, compared to £55.72 in March last year (assuming a 55-litre fuel tank).

Long-awaited new XC60 is the latest treat from Volvo

VOLVO Cars, the premium car maker, today revealed the long-awaited new XC60 premium SUV at the Geneva Motor Show.

The new car replaces Volvo's highly-successful original XC60, which in the nine years since its launch became the bestselling premium mid-sized SUV in Europe with nearly a million units sold globally. The XC60 today represents around 30 per cent of Volvo's total global sales.

"We have a strong heritage in designing stylish and dynamic SUVs that offer the latest in technology," said Hakan Samuelsson, president and chief executive, Volvo Car Group.

"The new XC60 will be no exception. It's the perfect car for an active lifestyle, and it represents the next step in our transformation plan."

The new XC60, one of the safest cars ever made, is fully-loaded with new technology. Steer Assist has been added to the ground-breaking City Safety system.

A new safety system called Oncoming Lane Mitigation uses steer assist to help mitigate head-on collisions, while Volvo's Blind Spot Indication System (BLIS) now uses Steer Assist functionality to reduce the risk of lane-changing collisions.

"We have focused on building a car that can deliver pleasure to all of your senses – from a commanding view of the road ahead in a beautifully appointed and calm cabin, to a safe, inspired and confident ride," said Henrik Green, senior vice president product & quality at Volvo Car Group.

"We've paid particular attention to making life easier for our customers by providing them with the creature comforts and services that take the hassle out of everyday life."

THE NEW VOLVO XC60: 'Making customers feel special'

The new XC60 offers Volvo's award-winning T8 Twin Engine petrol plug-in hybrid at the top of the powertrain range, delivering 407 hp and acceleration from 0-100 Km in just 5.3 seconds.

"We have a wide range of powertrains. The new XC60 will launch with the diesel D4 engine at 190bhp and the D5 with PowerPulse technology delivering 235bhp. We also have the petrol-powered T5 delivering 254bhp and the T6, which with both turbo and superchargers attached, delivers 320bhp and 400 Nm of torque," added Henrik Green.

Volvo Cars' driver infotainment and connected services offer, Sensus, and the Volvo On Call app both receive a graphical update with improved usability. As in the 90 Series cars, smartphone integration with CarPlay and Android Auto is also available.

"The XC60 is an SUV not designed to look down on others but to drive. The exterior has an athletic sculpture with a subtle, timeless quality. The interior is a masterful composition of well-resolved architecture, beautiful materials and the very latest technology – all perfectly blended together. The XC60 provides a true Scandinavian experience which will make our customers feel special," said Thomas Ingenlath, senior vice president.

Volvo Cars' new XC60 is set to go into production in mid-April at the Torslanda Plant in Sweden.

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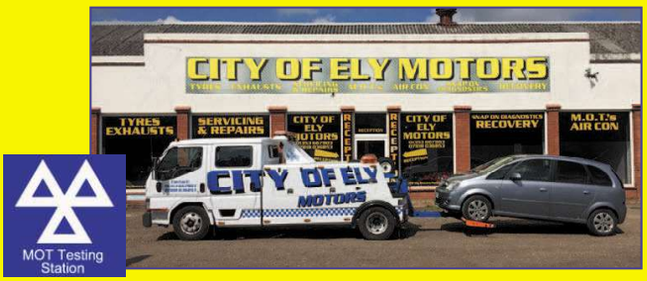

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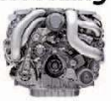

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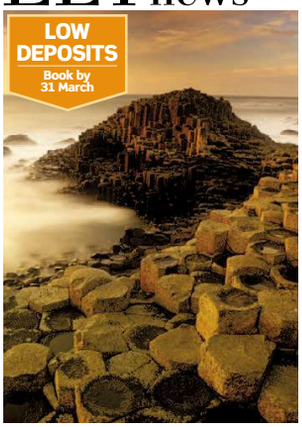

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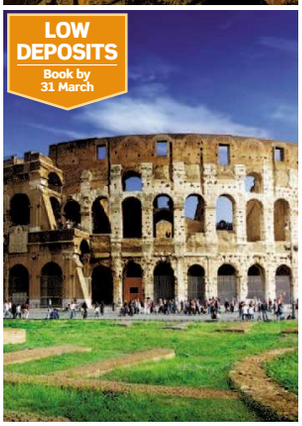

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Proposed Network Rail (Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction) Order

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited ("Network Rail") of 1 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 2DN, is applying to the Secretary of State for Transport under section 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992, for the above-mentioned order under sections 1 and 5 of that Act.

This Order confers powers on Network Rail to close or downgrade the following level crossings:

In the District of Fenland:

- Parish of Whittlesey: C15 Brickyard Drove and C14 Eastrea Cross Drove;
- Parish of March: C13 Middle Drove and C12 Silt Drove;

In the District of East Cambridgeshire:

- Parish of Downham: C11 Furlong Drove and C10 Coffue Drove;
- Parish of Ely: C09 Second Drove, C24 Cross Keys, C16 Prickwillow 2, C17 Prickwillow 1, C08 Ely North Junction, C22 Wells Engine and C21 Newmarket Bridge;
- Parish of Littleport: C25 Clayway, C26 Poplar Drove, C27 Willow Road/Willow Row and C28 Black Horse Drove;
- Parish of Soham: C20 Leonards;
- Parish of Fordham: C18 Munceys;
- Parish of Thetford: C03 West River Bridge;
- Parish of Stretham: C02 Nairns No.117;
- Parish of Westley Waterless: C30 Westley Road;

In the Districts of East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire:

- Parishes of Brinkley and Little Wilbraham: C29 Cassells;

In the District of South Cambridgeshire:

- Parish of Waterbeach: C33 Jack O'Tell (Adam's Crossing), C01 Chittering, C34 Fysons and C35 Ballast Pit;
- Parish of Harston: C07 No.37;
- Parish of Meldreth: C04 No.20.

In relation to these closures or downgrades the Order authorises in the County of Cambridgeshire, Districts of Fenland, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire and in the County of Suffolk, District of Forest Heath, the carrying out of works including the removal of the crossings and the diversion or redesignation of the status of certain footpaths, public roads, bridleways, restricted byways or byways open to all traffic and the creation of new rights of way. The Order also authorises the construction of the following specific works in connection with the creation of new public rights of way:

- In the District of Fenland, Parish of Whittlesey: Works Nos 1 and 2 (footbridges carrying paths over a drain/watercourse);
- In the District of East Cambridgeshire, Parish of Ely: Works Nos 3, 4 and 5 (footbridges carrying paths over a drain/watercourse);
- In the District of East Cambridgeshire, Parish of Littleport: Work No 6 (bridge carrying bridleway over a drain/watercourse);
- In the District of East Cambridgeshire, Parish of Soham: Work No 7 (footbridge carrying path over a drain/watercourse); and
- In the District of South Cambridgeshire, Parish of Waterbeach: Works Nos 8 and 9 (footbridges carrying paths over a drain/watercourse).

The Order also authorises alteration to the highway at Station Road/Lynn Road in the District of East Cambridgeshire, Parish of Littleport adjacent to C31 Littleport Station.

The Order also confers powers for the construction and maintenance of works, including the creation of new rights of way; provides for compensation to be paid for any person who suffers loss as a result of the extinguishment of a private right of way; applies the compensation provisions of the Highways Act 1980 to the creation of new rights of way; permits Network Rail to acquire land and interests in land, including the temporary use of land, in connection with the construction of the scheduled and authorised works; authorises the permanent and temporary stopping up of streets; works in streets, traffic regulation; and related purposes.

This application is not made subject to an environmental impact assessment.

The application contains a statement that a direction for deemed planning permission is being applied for.

A copy of the application and of all plans and other documents submitted with them, may be inspected free of charge from 14 March 2017 to 25 April 2017 at the following places and times (subject to Easter holiday closures):

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Copies of the documents will also be available online through Network Rail's website at www.networkrail.co.uk/anglialevelcrossings from 14 March 2017. They can also be provided on request from anglialevelcrossings@networkrail.co.uk or telephone 03457 11 41 41. A reasonable copying charge may apply, up to a maximum of £200 for the full suite of documents and £5 for an electronic copy on CD. Copies of individual documents are also available on request.

Further information about the proposals can be obtained from Network Rail on the above telephone number.

Any objections to, or other representations about, the proposals in the TWA application should be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport c/o Transport and Works Act Orders Unit, General Counsel's Office, Department for Transport, Zone 1/18, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR, email transportandworksact@dft.gsi.gov.uk

An objection or representation MUST (i) be received by the Secretary of State on or before 25 April 2017, (ii) be made in writing (whether sent by post or email), (iii) state the grounds of the objection or other representation, (iv) indicate who is making the objection or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent. (If you are sending your objection or other representation by e-mail, please provide a postal address and state "**Network Rail Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction Order**" in the subject of the email.)

The Secretary of State may make complete copies of the objections and other representations public, including any personal information in them, and will copy them to the applicant for the Order.

Winckworth Sherwood LLP,
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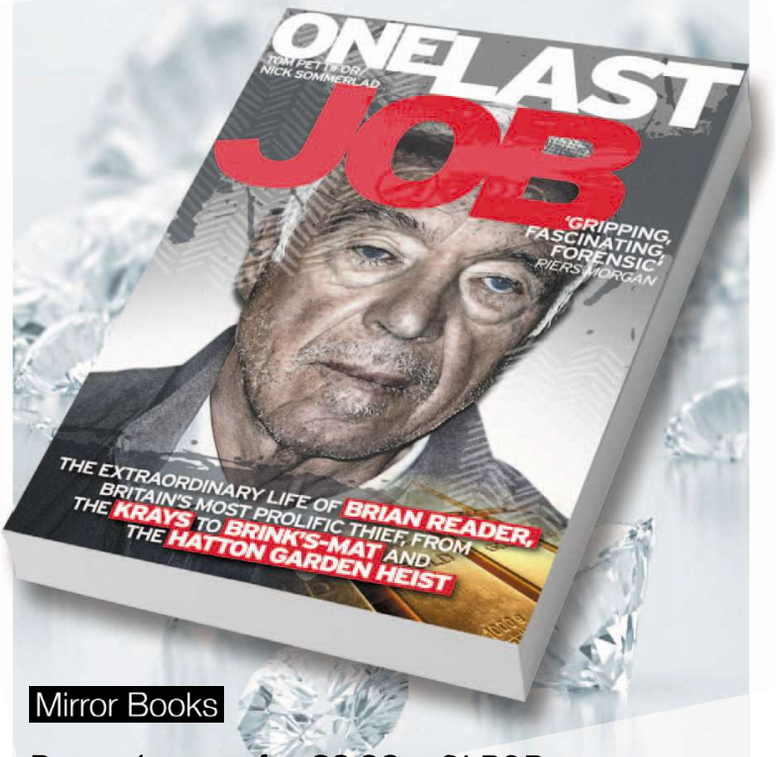

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RECOGNITION: Members of Ely Golf Club receive the new style GolfMark award

Golf club makes a mark

Golf

ELY City Golf Club has become the first club in Cambridgeshire to achieve the new national GolfMark.

The award recognises the hard work that the club have undertaken to improve what they have to offer by attracting new members and encouraging existing ones to play more golf, offering coaching opportunities to juniors and adults, using business planning to develop the club and ensuring safeguarding policies are in place.

The club have also formed a link with the Golf Foundation who provide funding and support to help young people enjoy the sport.

This has led to the club becoming an official Golf Roots Centre for junior development, and coaching from PGA professionals will now be offered to Witchford Village College pupils.

Mark Smith, the club's golf co-ordinator who headed the GolfMark process, said: "Being the first club in Cambridgeshire to receive the new accreditation is great news to all those at Ely City Golf Club and testament to the hard work of the staff, committee, and members who have made it such a vibrant place on and off the course."

The award was presented to the club by Marc Smith, county golf development officer for Cambridgeshire.

He said: "There is a great team of people at the club all working together and credit to Mark Smith for driving this achievement.

"The club now has a clear vision of where it wants to be and a sound business plan outlining how it intends to get there."

Robins profit as Rovers have two players sent off

Football

ELY City enjoyed a 2-0 win over the 10 men of Haverhill Rovers in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

Hosts Rovers made a bright start and had a chance cleared off the line early on.

But Ely soon got into the game, and when Kelvin Enaro was brought down by Harry Halls denying a goalscoring opportunity in the 24th minute, the Haverhill player was shown a red card.

From the resulting free kick, Ely almost took the lead but Jamie Alsop's effort struck the crossbar before rebounding to safety. It remained 0-0 at half time, but in the 61st minute Rovers were reduced to nine players when Adam Sartini saw red for handling the ball on the goal-line.

Alex Theobald tucked away the resulting penalty to put the Robins 1-0 up.

Ely were the dominant team but Rovers continued to battle on and offered some stubborn resistance to keep the score at just 1-0.

But the result was sealed in the 87th minute when Enaro took advantage of a mix-up between Haverhill's Sam Holmes and Marcus Hunt before controlling the ball from a cross and finishing past keeper Charlie Turner to make it 2-0.

Soham' Town Rangers' winless run in the Ryman League, North Division continued with a 2-0 loss at Aveley.

Aveley took the lead in the second minute, and they made sure of the win 15 minutes from time when they scored their second.

CATCH: Action from Ely match against Cambridge Development Picture: Steve Wells

Brooks brace is in vain as Ely are knocked out

Rugby union

ELY Tigers were knocked out of the Cambridgeshire County Cup by Cambridge Development.

Cambridge collected their own kick off and worked their way up the pitch through a series of penalties. Then, from a maul at a line-out, dotted down for an unconverted try and the only points of the half.

Ely rallied in the second half and went ahead through Nathan Brooks.

Cambridge then got another try from a rolling maul and, against tiring Ely legs, scored their third.

Brooks got his brace to give the Tigers some hope, but in the dying minutes Cambridge scored a converted try to make it 26-12.